



A blend of methods-- particularly Booth's rhetoricology, narrative criticism, and close textual analysis—are best suited to (1) understanding my video artifacts that dramatically portray autism and (2) supporting sociopolitical changes on autism issues that will best benefit all autism stakeholders, particularly autistic individuals and their families.

<b>"I Am Autism"</b> Autism Speaks, biomedical perspective	
<p>character: "Autism"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• single male threatening voice</li><li>• sound effects add to isolation and threat</li><li>• words: "invisible," "I work very quickly," "I will fight to take away your hope"</li></ul>	<p>character: "Autism Community"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• multiple, sometimes overlapping voices</li><li>• sound effects add to community and victory</li><li>• words: "we will spend every waking hour trying to weaken you," "don't need sleep," "we are a community of warriors"</li></ul>
<p>imagery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• isolated children with autism</li><li>• large outdoor spaces</li><li>• stereotyped behaviors, a few faint smiles</li></ul> 	<p>imagery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• groups of interactive, smiling, loving people supporting the children with autism</li><li>• closer focus on groups of people so that the largeness of space is minimized</li><li>• more "neurotypical" behaviors, such as smiles, laughs, touching, interacting with others</li></ul> 



## "I Am [Hatred]"

ooohprettycolors, neurodiversity perspective

character: "Hatred"

- synthesized voice
- appropriated words: "I will bankrupt you," "I will make sure your marriage fails," "I derive great pleasure out of your loneliness"
- added words: "I will make sure that when your children grow up, society will have no place for them. No home, no school, no job, no friends"

character: "Autistic Community"

- synthesized voice
- appropriated words: "you can push me off this horse time and time again, but I will get up, climb back on, and ride on with the message."
- added words: "The message that I am Autistic, and I am human," "We speak, type, point, sing, flap, and squeal," "Autistics speak"

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